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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Promotion - [REDACTED]

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25X1 1. I would like to request an exception to CIA Regulation [REDACTED] paragraph 5, insofar as months of service in current grade for entry into the zone of consideration for promotion is concerned, in the case of [REDACTED]. Such exception is requested in line with the provisions of paragraph 7.c. of Regulation [REDACTED]

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25X1 2. [REDACTED] first served under my direction on matters concerning Project AQUATONE in February 1955, as a detail from the Office of Logistics. In his capacity as a Contract Specialist, he was initially responsible for the negotiation, drafting and monitoring of all contracts entered into by Project AQUATONE with the several suppliers who are furnishing materiel or services for the Project. The initially planned scope of the Project, as set up in the spring of 1955, has expanded to such an extent that we have found it necessary to add the full time services of a second senior Contract Specialist to keep up with the volume of contract responsibilities.

25X1 3. On 17 July 1955, [REDACTED] was transferred from the Logistics Office to the Project AQUATONE Table of Organization and promoted to the grade of GS-14. It might be pointed out that [REDACTED] had been promoted to the grade of GS-13 on 26 March 1951 while serving with the Research and Development Board in the Department of Defense. He subsequently entered on duty with CIA, in his then current grade of GS-13, on 7 December 1953. Although [REDACTED] thus has been in his current grade of GS-14 for only approximately ten months, his performance as the senior Contract Specialist for this Project, along with additional duties which entail the monitoring of certain aspects of our Research and Development program which I have found it necessary to make a part of his official duties, merit consideration for his promotion at this time to the grade of GS-15. I am sure that the quality of [REDACTED] work, his technical proficiency, his constant efforts to lend conscientious support to all elements of the Project, and his sense of devotion to duty, are well known to the Director of Logistics and to the Deputy Director (Support). In addition to his normal contracting functions, [REDACTED] supervises the activities of two (2) technical Research and Development specialists and, as such, serves as my staff officer in following up on all aspects of the Development program for Project AQUATONE. In all of the above mentioned activities, [REDACTED] performance has been outstanding.

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4. In requesting [] promotion at this time to the grade of GS-15, I would like to point out that members of the Project Personnel Board - composed of the Deputy Director for the Project, the Project Director of Operations, the Project Director of Administration and the Project Personnel Officer - recently spontaneously brought forth

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[] name as one they believed merited immediate promotion attention. I believe that this recommendation of the Project Personnel Board is especially significant in view of the civilian-military composition of the Personnel Board, inasmuch as military officers, in spite of their tendency to emphasize seniority for promotion purposes, have seen fit to recognize the outstanding capabilities of

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5. I would appreciate your early consideration of this request for waiver of the pertinent provisions of Agency Regulation [] and heartily recommend [] promotion to the grade of GS-15.

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